



...Morning?



At any rate, this is you we're talking about.

That's because...

Yasmine... So you're in this state immediately after arriving, huh...

Ugh my head hurts...

...with her, and when you woke up in the morning you had a terrible hangover and couldn't even remember her name... Something like that, I'm sure!

You seduced a girl at the club, brought her home, got her dead drunk, had sex... COUGH COUGH COUGH

-She

Now wait a minute—that's a bunch of malicious gossip!

guessed  
right...!!!

Xinling!

Hey,  
Yasmine,  
is this  
OK?

Is...  
is it  
weird?

On you,  
that's a  
downright  
frightening  
bathing  
suit.

Y... Yasmine  
said th... that  
this kind  
of thing  
would make  
Tsukasa  
happy, so...





This is the  
first time  
I've seen one...  
I'd never even  
heard rumours  
that they  
existed...

...A  
mer-  
maid...!

I see,  
so our job  
was to  
protect...  
a mermaid,  
huh.

What we  
don't know  
is what will  
happen if  
someone gets  
their hands  
on her-

-Someone  
is after her.  
She's different  
from the  
ordinary  
abnormal  
humans,  
and her  
kind is  
very  
rare...

And to  
train her  
to be a  
bodyguard-

3/0



I don't  
really want  
to say  
anything  
about that  
either.



-Hey



That's not  
surpris-  
sing.



Will you  
three  
defend even a  
'mermaid'  
like me?



I'm a freak  
who heals  
quickly even  
after getting  
shot by  
a gun.

A  
foolish  
question.

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Don't look  
down on  
Tercio  
bodyguards.

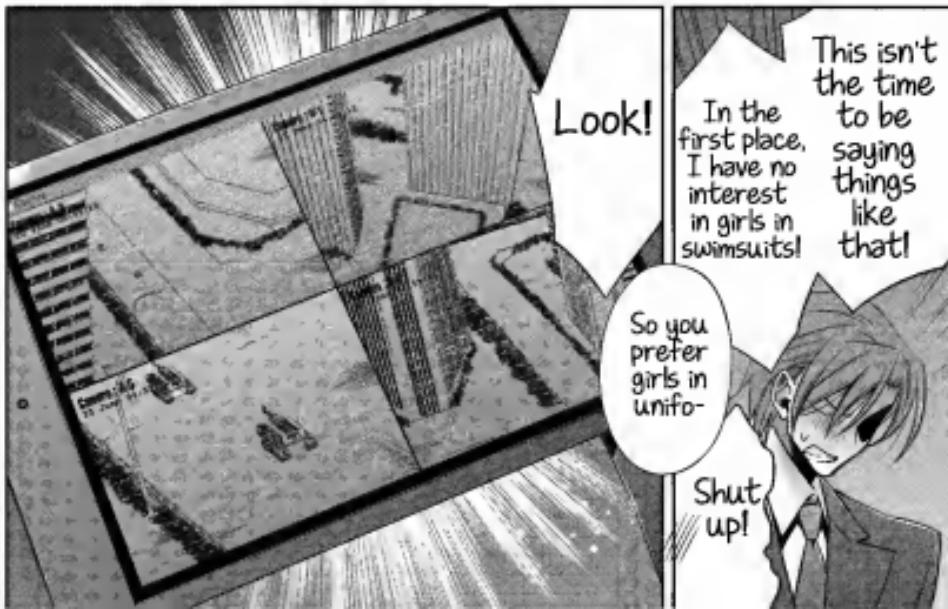
Whether  
it's a human  
or a mermaid...

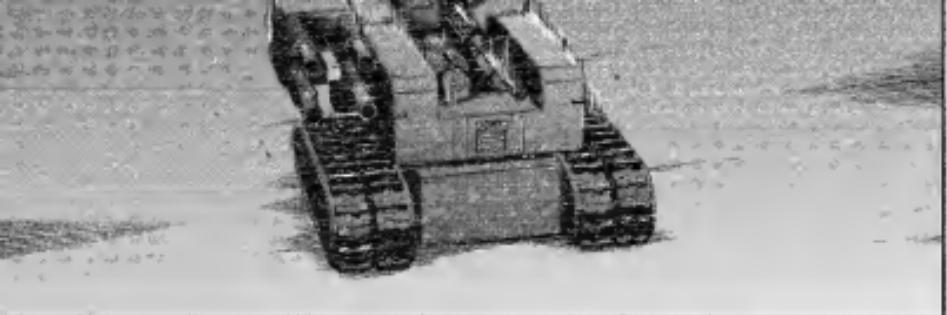
We were born  
for the sake  
of becoming  
someone's shield.



Thank  
you.









It  
will  
be a  
mass-  
acre...!

You  
couldn't  
block  
them with  
ordinary  
bulletproof  
plating...  
At this  
rate-

...Those are  
probably  
tungsten  
carbide  
armour  
-piercing  
munitions.  
What's more,  
they have a  
caliber of  
7.62 X  
51 mm.

They went  
right  
through  
the  
armoured  
vehicles...!?



Oi!  
You said  
you  
had a  
hangover-

Get  
there  
while the  
personnel  
in the  
armoured  
cars are  
still alive...!

In  
that  
case,  
you've  
got  
to  
hurry!

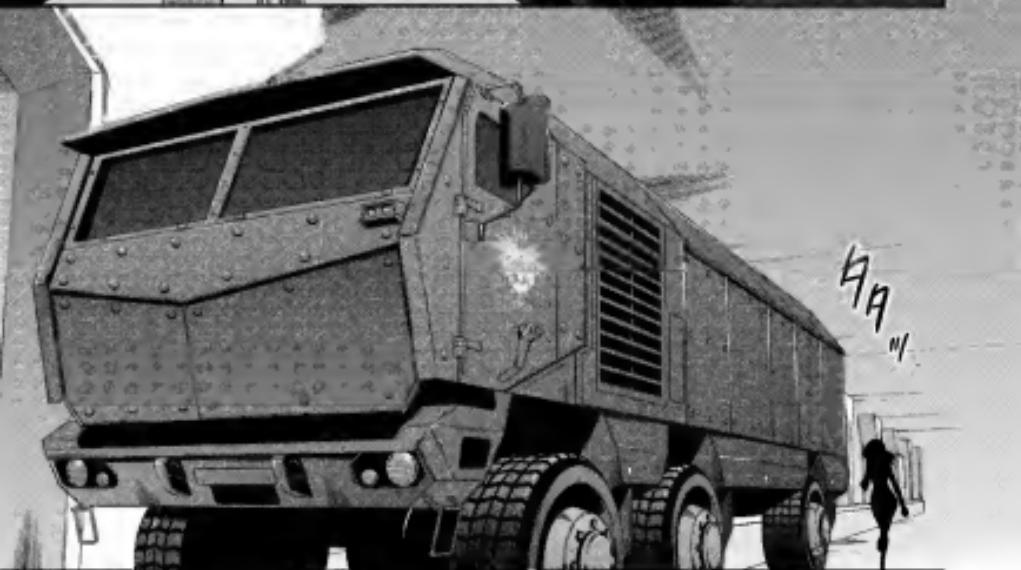
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UNDERGRO







My  
Sleeping  
Beauty.

TI EX-MB  
Corvette





There's no time, so I'm omitting the preliminary checks.

Firearms controls, check.  
Firing corrections equipment, check.  
Full-body torque control, check.  
Posture control application, on.

Electrical wiring, oil pressure, hybrid driving force system, all green...



I know, jeez.

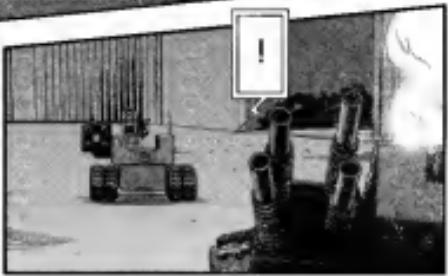
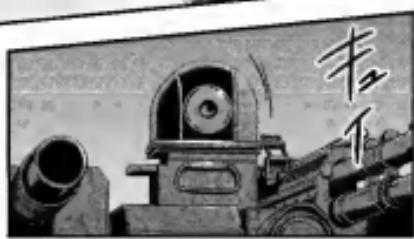
At least refrain from using grenades or anti-tank rockets! The fact that we're using small arms is already going to cause a lot of trouble for us!

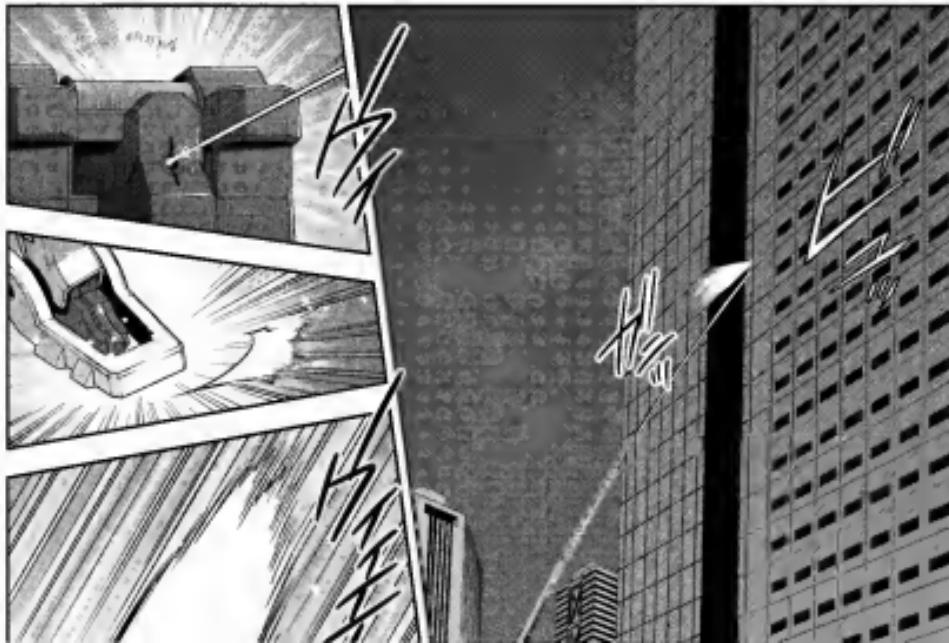
!

Tsukigata, I'm going out with the 20 mm.

















We'll update our assessment of Tercio.

This was a test of their strength. To that extent it had value.

They have political backing.

To calmly use live ammunition on Japanese soil...

We won't be able to do things the usual way.

I've checked into the incidents that Tercio has been involved in over the last few months...

Considering how much you value time, that's quite cautious of you.

It's not just abnormal humans - their armaments are also at the cutting edge of mad science.



# SETTING MATERIALS

MARMAID - LOWERS  
CHARACTERS and MECHANICAL DESIGN



## TSUKASA YAKUOUJI

>Height: 165cm >Weight: 61kg >Age: 17  
>Weapon: Japanese sword made of steel with cemented carbide cladding.

### INTRODUCTION

A female high school student and a combat professional. A personality that doesn't hesitate to resort to violence. Her father is a JSDF official. She is a supersoldier who underwent top-secret body reconstruction to increase her strength. Her forte are jujutsu, ancient sword techniques, and short swords (knife combat).

### HOW THE CHARACTER CAME TO BE

I prepare scripts to match the manga artist, so I aimed for a "Bishoujo-like heroine" and ended up with Tsukasa. Giving her long hair was a must. She's feminine, but you get the feeling that she would look good in a suit. She's one of the super women known as "abnormal humans," and in particular she's classified as an "enhanced human" type.



# YASMINE MALIK

>Height: 170cm >Weight: 65kg

>Age: 23

>Weapons: Various kinds  
depending on the situation.

Against heavily armed enemies, she equips a  
reinforced exoskeleton called "Corset,"  
developed by the Engineering Division known  
as Tecto Industries.

## INTRODUCTION

She has a passion for computers and firearms.  
She has a hidden "abnormal human" ability  
that hasn't been shown in the main story yet.  
She loves movies and audio equipment. She's  
a lesbian who's easily excited and easily bored.  
She has never yet made it three weeks with any  
lover. She was raised in a large family with two  
older brothers, one older sister, one younger  
sister, and two younger brothers. She's a  
hopeless alcoholic. Her favorite author is  
Joe R. Lansdale.

## HOW THE CHARACTER CAME TO BE

Somewhat or other, the type of character that I  
thought myself "if I could do what I liked" this  
is the character I want to make. By the way,  
she's modelled on a real person. (It's not  
someone that I know particularly well, so I  
won't give their name.) I'm also a person who  
loves firearms, so I'm always thinking about  
what kinds of weapons I should have  
her wield.



# YASMINA

# SU XINLING

>Height: 162cm >Weight: 66kg

>Age: unknown

>Weapon: In general, she uses her bare hands. Depending on the situation she also uses Nunchaku, knives, broadwords, etc.

## INTRODUCTION

She's a master of hand-to-hand combat, but when she's pressed she becomes a weak, bullied character. In fact she's an occult-type abnormal human, a tiger beastwoman. In everyday life, if she loses focus then her beast ears and tail appear. She's from a remote part of China—a hidden beastmen village. She has one older sister and one younger sister.

## HOW THE CHARACTER CAME TO BE

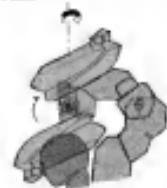
The concept was "super-strong, but simple-minded." Actually, I wondered whether with this kind of personality she wouldn't be cuter if I made her about 2 metres tall, but in the end the only thing I made about her was her breasts. With Yoshio-kun's arrangement she just gets cuter and cuter, so she's a character I really look forward to seeing in the manga.



## MARMAID LOVERS MECHANICAL DESIGN

The visor can be rotated to the rear in order to expose one's face

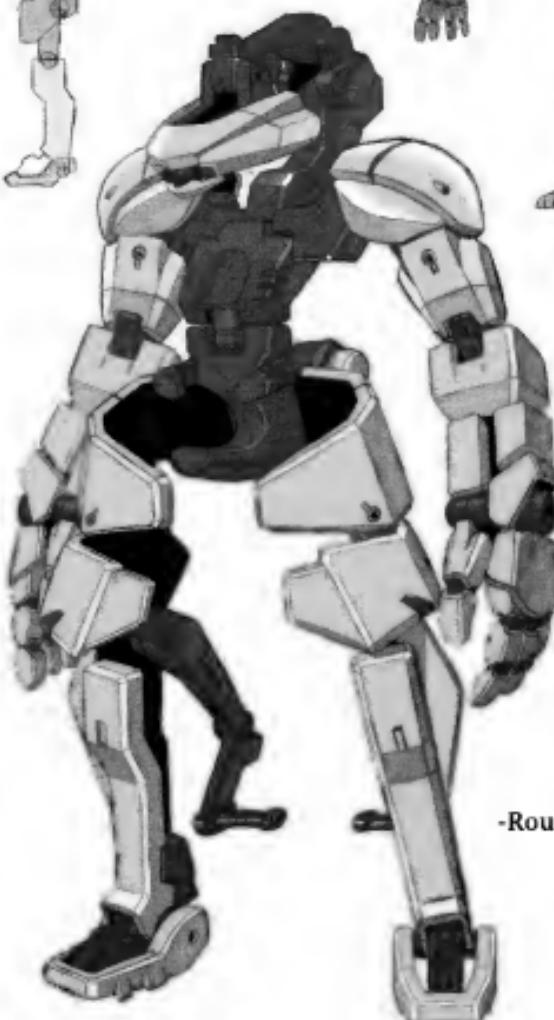
Can morph its legs into the form of those of a beast



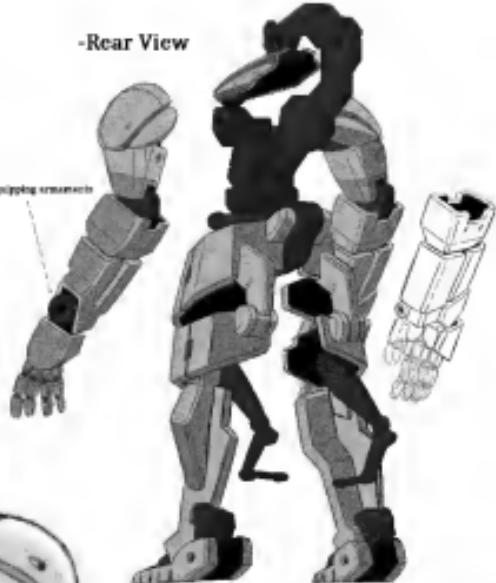
Point for equipping armaments



-Front View



-Rear View



### DESIGNER'S NAME

Kuramo Kyouryuu

[FYI: kyouryuu (恐竜) = dinosaur]

### HP

<http://ameblo.jp/dino-kuramo/>

### COMMENT

Nowadays, when powered suits are already being developed in the real world to assist with things like medicine and military affairs, I thought about how I could emphasize how interesting they are, and aimed for a design that would make the suit come into existence as a character even without a rider; and express the dexterity of a human and the powerfulness of a beast. I'm originally a toy designer, so I also imagined as I pleased how one could enjoy it as a toy, and had a lot of fun designing it.



-Rough sketch



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## AFTERWORD

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Even if only a little, I'm happy if you enjoyed this work.  
 I've liked Yoshioka-sensei's manga since before I got this job,  
 so I really got fired up about writing the script for this original work.  
 From the standpoint of the script, some of the interactions were a little awkward,  
 but in manga form they were naturally corrected, so I'm really very grateful.

Through Yoshioka-sensei's arrangement, the main characters became quite cute...!  
 Whether the various foreshadowings that were set up will be safely picked up later on  
 depends on the support of our readers. I look forward to seeing you all again in the future.

## -FUKAMI MAKOTO-



Thank you for picking up the first volume of "Mermaid Lovers." I'm the artist, Yoshioka Sakaki.  
 It's a great honour to have been nominated by Fukamiya Makoto-sensei, whom I respect,  
 and to have been able to create a work together...!

"Mermaid Lovers" is a story in which female high school students fight to protect their clients.  
 They mow down bad guys one after another, even I felt exhilarated as I was drawing (lol).  
 Also, having received instructions from Fukamiya-sensei, I drew lots of sexy scenes,  
 so despite the fact that I was working I was all smiles (I'm terrible).

And then, I received the design for Yasmine's reinforced exoskeleton  
 from the robot designer, Kuramo Kyoryuu-sensei, and thanks to his design  
 I was able to draw pictures that had verisimilitude.

Kuramo-sensei, thank you very much for your super-cool design...!  
 Tsukasa, Xinling, Yasmine, Tonia... And while I'm at it, Tsukigata;  
 please look forward to their future activities as well...!

-YOSHIOKA SAKAKI-  
 (Takano Saku)

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